House Resolution No. 2769

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the important role which this state's public schools have played in the educational development of countless young Missouri citizens; and

Whereas, G.M. Coleman Accelerated School in the St. Joseph School District in St. Joseph, Missouri, has been selected as a Gold Star School for 2002-2003 by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, G.M. Coleman Accelerated School was formally honored as a Gold Star School during the Gold Star Schools Forum held May 7, 2003, in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, one of fifteen schools chosen for the prestigious Gold Star Award, G.M. Coleman Accelerated School joins an elite group of schools striving and succeeding in providing young people with a high-quality, high-performance education that will prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, a Gold Star School is one that has been judged particularly effective in meeting local and state goals and displays award criteria that include offering challenging standards and curriculum, teaching, active learning and learning-centered school contexts, as well as objective "indicators of success" based upon student performance, daily student and teacher attendance rates, and school, staff, and student awards; and

Whereas, established in 1991, the Gold Star Schools program is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is supported by State Farm Insurance Companies; and

Whereas, G.M. Coleman Accelerated School could not have attained Gold Star School status without the unparalleled leadership of its principal and an exceptional teaching staff that has continually instilled within each student the desire to realize their full potential:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to the students and faculty at G.M. Coleman Accelerated School at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for G.M. Coleman Accelerated School in St. Joseph, Missouri.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2769, adopted May 9, 2003.